

REMARKS

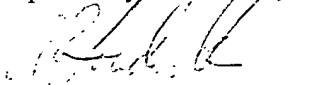
Applicant hereby is submitting the currently pending claims after the amendment resubmitted in response to the notice mailed by the USPTO on September 18, 2001. The term "(amended)" in this submission refers to claims that were amended in the amendment resubmitted in response to the notice mailed by the USPTO on September 18, 2001 (no new amendments are made in this submission).

In addition, as was discussed with the Examiner by telephone, with respect to the rejection of claims 145, 152, 159, 166, 173, 181, 193, 205, 217 and 229 (based on the phrase "best or desired manner"), Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection based on the original disclosure (see, e.g., col. 3, lines 20-22, col. 12, lines 52-67, col. 12, lines 8-15, etc.). Applicant submits that, in view of the overall disclosure, that the subject phrase in the claims would be understood by one of skill in the art to mean an optimum or desired or upgraded operation for the particular circumstances, as will be clear from the original disclosure, including based on the passages cited above.

Applicant has endeavored to address the various matters raised by the Examiner and to otherwise put this application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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